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By: **Senator Teitelbaum**  
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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County - Board of Education - Public Hearings on**  
3 **Transportation of Students**  
4 **MC 12-00**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Montgomery County Board of Education to hold a  
6 public hearing whenever it meets to take action relating to the transportation of  
7 students; requiring that certain notice be given of certain hearings; requiring  
8 that certain individuals be given the opportunity to testify and present their  
9 views at certain hearings; requiring the Montgomery County Board of  
10 Education to hold a public hearing and vote on a certain matter upon request of  
11 a certain community organization or parents' group; and generally relating to  
12 the Montgomery County Board of Education.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Education  
15 Section 3-903  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1999 Replacement Volume)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Education**

21 3-903.

22 (a) All actions of the County Board shall be taken [after] AT a public meeting,  
23 the record of which shall be made public.

24 (b) This section does not prohibit the County Board from meeting and  
25 deliberating in executive session provided that all action of the Board, together with  
26 the individual vote of each member, is contained in a public record.

1 (C) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY  
2 BOARD MUST HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING WHENEVER IT MEETS TO TAKE ACTION  
3 RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS.

4 (2) THE HEARING SHALL BE HELD ON AT LEAST 10 DAYS' NOTICE,  
5 PUBLISHED AT LEAST ONCE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE  
6 COUNTY.

7 (3) ALL INTERESTED PERSONS SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
8 TESTIFY AND PRESENT THEIR VIEWS AT THE HEARING.

9 [(c)] (D) The affirmative vote of the members of the County Board for the  
10 passage of a motion by the County Board shall be:

11 (1) 5 members when the student member is voting; or

12 (2) 4 members when the student member is not voting.

13 (E) UPON REQUEST OF A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OR PARENTS' GROUP  
14 WISHING TO AND OR ELIMINATE A SCHOOL BUS STOP OR SCHOOL BUS ROUTE, THE  
15 COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

16 (1) HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS  
17 CONTAINED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

18 (2) VOTE ON THE MATTER RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION  
19 OR PARENTS' GROUP.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2000.